

# Hilbert–Speiser number fields for a prime $p$ inside the $p$ -cyclotomic field

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## Abstract

Let  $p$  be a prime number. We say that a number field  $F$  satisfies the condition  $(H'_p)$  when for any cyclic extension  $N/F$  of degree  $p$ , the ring  $\mathcal{O}'_N$  of  $p$ -integers of  $N$  has a normal integral basis over  $\mathcal{O}'_F$ . It is known that  $F = \mathbf{Q}$  satisfies  $(H'_p)$  for any  $p$ . It is also known that when  $p \leq 19$ , any subfield  $F$  of  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_p)$  satisfies  $(H'_p)$ . In this paper, we prove that when  $p \geq 23$ , an imaginary subfield  $F$  of  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_p)$  satisfies  $(H'_p)$  if and only if  $F = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-p})$  and  $p = 43, 67$  or  $163$  (under GRH). For a real subfield  $F$  of  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_p)$  with  $F \neq \mathbf{Q}$ , we give a corresponding but weaker assertion to the effect that it quite rarely satisfies  $(H'_p)$ .

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $p$  be a fixed prime number and  $F$  a number field. Let  $\mathcal{O}_F$  be the ring of integers of  $F$ , and  $\mathcal{O}'_F = \mathcal{O}_F[1/p]$  the ring of  $p$ -integers. Let  $h_F$  and  $h'_F$  be the class numbers of the Dedekind domains  $\mathcal{O}_F$  and  $\mathcal{O}'_F$ , respectively. Let  $\Gamma$  be the cyclic group of order  $p$ . A  $\Gamma$ -extension  $N/F$  has a normal  $p$ -integral basis ( $p$ -NIB for short) when  $\mathcal{O}'_N$  is cyclic over the group ring  $\mathcal{O}'_F[\Gamma]$ . We say that  $F$  satisfies the condition  $(H'_p)$  when any  $\Gamma$ -extension over  $F$  has a  $p$ -NIB. It is known that the rationals  $\mathbf{Q}$  satisfy  $(H'_p)$  for all  $p$ . This is essentially due to Hilbert and Speiser. Let  $K = F(\zeta_p)$ . It is known that  $F$  satisfies  $(H'_p)$  if  $h'_K = 1$  ([2, Theorem] or [3, Theorem 1]).

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Let  $p$  be an odd prime number. Let  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_p)$ , and  $h_p = h_K$ . As the unique prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  over  $p$  is principal, we have  $h_p = h'_K$ . It is known that  $h_p = 1$  if and only if  $p \leq 19$  (cf. Washington [12, Theorem 11.1]). Therefore, when  $p \leq 19$ , any subfield  $F$  of  $K$  satisfies  $(H'_p)$  by the above mentioned result [2, Theorem]. When  $p \geq 23$ , we proposed the following conjecture in [5].

**Conjecture.** *Let  $p \geq 23$  be a prime number, and let  $F$  be a subfield of  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_p)$  with  $F \neq \mathbf{Q}$ . If  $[F : \mathbf{Q}] > 2$  or  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $F$  does not satisfy the condition  $(H'_p)$  except for the case where  $p = 29$  and  $[F : \mathbf{Q}] = 2$  or  $7$ .*

In [5, Proposition 4], we showed that when  $23 \leq p \leq 499$ , this assertion is valid for any  $F$ , and that it is valid for any  $p \geq 23$  if  $[K : F] \leq 4$  or  $[K : F] = 6$ . We also showed that when  $p = 29$  and  $[F : \mathbf{Q}] = 2$  or  $7$ ,  $F$  satisfies  $(H'_p)$ . When  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $F = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-p})$  is the quadratic subfield of  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_p)$ , we only showed that  $F$  satisfies  $(H'_p)$  when  $p = 43$  or  $67$  [5, Remark 2].

The purpose of this paper is to give an answer to the conjecture including the case where  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $F = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-p})$ . We prove the following:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $p$  be a prime number with  $p \geq 23$ , and  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_p)$ .*

- (I) *An imaginary subfield  $F$  contained in  $K$  does not satisfy the condition  $(H'_p)$  except for the case where  $F = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-p})$  and  $p = 43, 67$  or  $163$ .*
- (II) *Let  $F = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-p})$ . When  $p = 43$  or  $67$ ,  $F$  satisfies  $(H'_p)$ . When  $p = 163$ ,  $F$  satisfies  $(H'_p)$  under GRH.*

For the real case, we prove the following weaker result. Let  $h_p^-$  be the relative class number of  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_p)$ . Assume that a prime number  $p$  satisfies the condition:

- (C) *there exists a prime factor  $q$  of  $h_p^-$  with  $q \nmid p - 1$ .*

Under this assumption, let  $D_p$  be the smallest value of  $\text{ord}_q(h_p^-)$  for all prime factors  $q$  of  $h_p^-$  with  $q \nmid p - 1$ . By the table [13] of Yamamura on  $h_p^-$ , we see that for any prime number  $p$  with  $23 \leq p \leq 1021$ , the condition (C) is satisfied except for the case where  $p = 29$  or  $31$ . For these  $p$  with  $p \neq 29, 31$ , we have  $D_p = 1$  when  $p \neq 41$  and  $D_p = 2$  when  $p = 41$ . (We have  $h_{29}^- = 8$ ,  $h_{31}^- = 9$  and  $h_{41}^- = 11^2$ .) It is plausible that (C) is satisfied and  $D_p = 1$  for all  $p \geq 23$  with the above exceptions.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $p \geq 23$  be a prime number satisfying the condition (C), and let  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_p)$ . A real subfield  $F$  of  $K$  does not satisfy  $(H'_p)$  when  $[F : \mathbf{Q}] > D_p$ .*

From this theorem and [5, Proposition 4] mentioned above, it follows that a real subfield  $F \neq \mathbf{Q}$  of  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_p)$  does not satisfy  $(H'_p)$  for  $23 \leq p \leq 1021$  except for the case where  $p = 29$  and  $[F : \mathbf{Q}] = 2$  or  $7$ .

## 2. Stickelberger ideals of conductor $p$

In this section, we recall some results in [3] and [5] on Stickelberger ideals of conductor  $p$ , which are necessary to prove Theorems 1 and 2. Let  $p$  be a fixed odd prime number, and let

$G = (\mathbf{Z}/p)^\times$  be the multiplicative group. Let  $\mathcal{S}_G$  be the classical Stickelberger ideal of the group ring  $\mathbf{Z}[G]$  associated to the abelian extension  $\mathcal{Q}(\zeta_p)/\mathcal{Q}$ . For an integer  $i \in \mathbf{Z}$  with  $p \nmid i$ , let  $\sigma_i = \bar{i}$  be the corresponding element of  $G$ . For an integer  $r \in \mathbf{Z}$ , let

$$\theta_r = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \left[ \frac{ri}{p} \right] \sigma_i^{-1} \in \mathbf{Z}[G],$$

where for a real number  $x$ ,  $[x]$  denotes the largest integer  $\leq x$ . It is known that  $\mathcal{S}_G$  is generated by Stickelberger elements  $\theta_r$  for all  $r$  over  $\mathbf{Z}$  (cf. [12, Lemma 6.9]).

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . For an element  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}[G]$ , we write

$$\alpha_H = \sum_{\sigma \in H} a_\sigma \sigma \quad \text{with } \alpha = \sum_{\sigma \in G} a_\sigma \sigma. \quad (1)$$

Namely,  $\alpha_H$  is an “ $H$ -part” of  $\alpha$ . In [3–5], we defined a Stickelberger ideal  $\mathcal{S}_H$  of  $\mathbf{Z}[H]$  by

$$\mathcal{S}_H = \{\alpha_H \mid \alpha \in \mathcal{S}_G\},$$

and studied some of its properties. For brevity, let  $\theta_{r,H} = (\theta_r)_H$ . As  $\mathcal{S}_G$  is generated by the elements  $\theta_r$  over  $\mathbf{Z}$ , the  $H$ -part  $\mathcal{S}_H$  is generated by  $\theta_{r,H}$  over  $\mathbf{Z}$  for all  $r$ . We can easily show that

$$\sigma_s \theta_{r,H} = \theta_{rs,H} - r \theta_{s,H} \quad \text{for } \bar{s} \in H. \quad (2)$$

For this, see [3, Section 2]. Further, we can show the following formula [5, Lemma 3]

$$\mathcal{S}_G \subseteq \mathcal{S}_H \mathbf{Z}[G]. \quad (3)$$

Let  $F$  be a number field. Let  $Cl_F$  and  $Cl'_F$  be the ideal class groups of the Dedekind domains  $\mathcal{O}_F$  and  $\mathcal{O}'_F = \mathcal{O}_F[1/p]$ , respectively. Letting  $D$  be the subgroup of  $Cl_F$  generated by the classes containing a prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_F$  over  $p$ ,  $Cl'_F$  is naturally isomorphic to  $Cl_F/D$ . Hence, when primes of  $\mathcal{O}_F$  over  $p$  are principal, we have  $Cl'_F = Cl_F$ . Let  $K = F(\zeta_p)$ , and  $H = \text{Gal}(K/F)$ . We regard  $H$  as a subgroup of  $G$  through the Galois action on  $\zeta_p$ . In [5, Appendix], we showed the following assertion using the main theorem of McCulloh [10]. A direct and simpler proof is given in [3] (see Remark 1).

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $F$  be a number field. Let  $K = F(\zeta_p)$  and  $H = \text{Gal}(K/F) \subseteq G$ . Then,  $F$  satisfies the condition  $(H'_p)$  if and only if the Stickelberger ideal  $\mathcal{S}_H$  annihilates the class group  $Cl'_K$ .*

The following is a consequence of Theorem 3.

**Lemma 1.** *(See [3, Corollary 4].) Under the setting of Theorem 3, assume that the norm map  $Cl'_K \rightarrow Cl'_F$  is surjective. Then,  $F$  satisfies  $(H'_p)$  only when the natural map  $Cl'_F \rightarrow Cl'_K$  is trivial.*

**Remark 1.** In [3], we showed an assertion stronger than Theorem 3. Under the setting of Theorem 3, we showed that if  $\mathcal{S}_H$  annihilates  $Cl'_K$ , then any abelian extension  $N/F$  of exponent  $p$  has a  $p$ -NIB.

### 3. Proof of Theorem 2

To show Theorem 2, we first introduce some notation. We fix a prime number  $q$  with  $q \nmid p-1$ . Let  $\mathbf{Q}_q$  be the field of  $q$ -adic rationals, and  $\mathbf{Z}_q$  the ring of  $q$ -adic integers. Let  $\Psi$  be a  $\mathbf{Q}_q$ -valued character of  $G = (\mathbf{Z}/p)^\times$  defined and irreducible over  $\mathbf{Q}_q$ . For simplicity, we call such a character a  $\mathbf{Q}_q$ -character of  $G$ . Let  $\psi$  be an irreducible component of  $\Psi$  over  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_q$  where  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_q$  is an algebraic closure of  $\mathbf{Q}_q$ . Then,  $\Psi$  is the sum of characters of  $G$  which are conjugate to  $\psi$  over  $\mathbf{Q}_q$ . Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $\psi_H$  be the restriction of  $\psi$  to  $H$ , and let  $\Psi_H$  be the  $\mathbf{Q}_q$ -character of  $H$  having  $\psi_H$  as an irreducible component over  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_q$ . For a module  $M$  over  $\mathbf{Z}[G]$  and a  $\mathbf{Q}_q$ -character  $\Psi$  of  $G$ , let  $M(\Psi)$  be the  $\Psi$ -component of the  $q$ -part  $M \otimes \mathbf{Z}_q$  of  $M$ . Then, as  $q \nmid p-1$ ,  $M \otimes \mathbf{Z}_q$  is canonically decomposed as

$$M \otimes \mathbf{Z}_q = \bigoplus_{\Psi} M(\Psi)$$

where  $\Psi$  runs over the  $\mathbf{Q}_q$ -characters of  $G$ . We have a similar decomposition for a module over  $\mathbf{Z}[H]$ . Let  $\psi$  be an irreducible component over  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_q$  of a  $\mathbf{Q}_q$ -character  $\Psi$ . Let  $\mathbf{Z}_q[\psi]$  (respectively  $\mathbf{Z}_q[\psi_H]$ ) be the subring of  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_q$  generated by the values of  $\psi$  (respectively  $\psi_H$ ) over  $\mathbf{Z}_q$ . Sending an element  $\sigma \in G$  to  $\psi(\sigma)$ , we have natural ring isomorphisms

$$\psi : \mathbf{Z}_q[G](\Psi) \cong \mathbf{Z}_q[\psi] \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_H : \mathbf{Z}_q[H](\Psi_H) \cong \mathbf{Z}_q[\psi_H].$$

A module  $M$  over  $\mathbf{Z}[G]$  is naturally regarded also as a  $\mathbf{Z}[H]$ -module. By the above isomorphism, we can regard the component  $M(\Psi)$  (respectively  $M(\Psi_H)$ ) of  $M$  as a module over  $\mathbf{Z}_q[\psi]$  (respectively  $\mathbf{Z}_q[\psi_H]$ ). In particular, for an ideal  $\mathfrak{A}$  of  $\mathbf{Z}_q[H]$ , we have

$$M(\Psi_H)^{\mathfrak{A}} = M(\Psi_H)^{\psi_H(\mathfrak{A})}.$$

For simplicity, we put

$$\mathcal{S}_{G,q} = \mathcal{S}_G \otimes \mathbf{Z}_q \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{S}_{H,q} = \mathcal{S}_H \otimes \mathbf{Z}_q.$$

**Proof of Theorem 2.** Let  $q$  be a prime factor of  $h_p^-$  with  $q \nmid p-1$ , and  $D = \text{ord}_q(h_p^-)$ . Let  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_p)$ . We have  $Cl_K = Cl'_K$  as the unique prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  over  $p$  is principal. Let  $F$  be a real subfield of  $K$  with  $[F : \mathbf{Q}] > D$ , and let  $H = \text{Gal}(K/F)$ . Through the Galois action on  $\zeta_p$ , we identify the Galois group  $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbf{Q})$  with  $G = (\mathbf{Z}/p)^\times$ , and  $H$  with a subgroup of  $G$ . Thus, we can regard the class group  $Cl'_K = Cl_K$  not only as a  $\mathbf{Z}[H]$ -module but also as a module over  $\mathbf{Z}[G]$ . As  $D = \text{ord}_q(h_p^-)$ , there exist at most  $D$  odd  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_q$ -valued irreducible characters  $\phi$  of  $G$  with  $q \mid B_{1,\phi-1}$  by the analytic class number formula [12, Theorem 4.17]. We fix one of such characters  $\phi$ . Let  $\Phi$  be the  $\mathbf{Q}_q$ -character of  $G$  having  $\phi$  as an irreducible component over  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_q$ . As  $F$  is real, the complex conjugation  $\sigma_{-1}$  is contained in  $H$ . Therefore, since  $[G : H] = [F : \mathbf{Q}] > D$ , there exists an odd  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_q$ -valued character  $\psi$  of  $G$  such that  $\psi_H = \phi_H$  and  $q \nmid B_{1,\psi-1}$ . Let  $\Psi$  be the  $\mathbf{Q}_q$ -character of  $G$  having  $\psi$  as an irreducible component over  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_q$ . As  $q \nmid B_{1,\psi-1}$ , we see that  $\psi(\mathcal{S}_{G,q}) = \mathbf{Z}_q[\psi]$ . Hence, by (3), it follows that  $\psi_H(\mathcal{S}_{H,q}) = \mathbf{Z}_q[\psi_H]$ . Therefore, we obtain

$$Cl_K(\Psi_H)^{\mathcal{S}_{H,q}} = Cl_K(\Psi_H)^{\psi_H(\mathcal{S}_{H,q})} = Cl_K(\Psi_H).$$

On the other hand, as  $\psi_H = \phi_H$ , we have  $Cl_K(\Psi_H) = Cl_K(\Phi_H)$ . The  $\Phi$ -component  $Cl_K(\Phi)$  of the  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ -module  $Cl_K$  is a direct summand of the  $\Phi_H$ -component  $Cl_K(\Phi_H)$  of the  $\mathbb{Z}[H]$ -module  $Cl_K$ . As  $q \mid B_{1,\phi^{-1}}$ , we see that  $Cl_K(\Phi)$  is nontrivial by the theorem of Mazur and Wiles [9] (Iwasawa main conjecture). Therefore,  $Cl_K^{SH}$  is nontrivial, and hence,  $F$  does not satisfy  $(H'_p)$  by Theorem 3.  $\square$

**Remark 2.** For an imaginary subfield  $F$  of  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$  with  $[F : \mathbb{Q}] > 2D_p$ , we can show a similar assertion by a similar argument.

#### 4. Proof of Theorem 1

##### 4.1. CM-fields

For a number field  $F$ , let  $W_F$  be the group of roots of unity in  $F$ . For a CM-field  $F$ , let  $Cl_F^-$  be the kernel of the norm map  $Cl_F \rightarrow Cl_{F^+}$  where  $F^+$  is the maximal real subfield of  $F$ . The following lemma is a generalization of a well-known assertion on the cyclotomic  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -extension over a CM-field [12, Proposition 13.26], and is more or less known to specialists. For a finite abelian group  $A$  and a prime number  $q$ , let  $A(q)$  be the Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $A$ .

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $q$  be an odd prime number. Let  $E/F$  be a cyclic extension of degree  $q$  with both  $E$  and  $F$  CM-fields. Assume that  $W_F(q) = \{0\}$  or  $|W_E(q)/W_F(q)| > 1$ . Then, the natural map  $Cl_F^-(q) \rightarrow Cl_E$  is injective.*

**Outline of proof.** The proof of this lemma goes through exactly similarly to the argument in [12, pp. 288–290]. So, we only give an outline of the proof. Let  $\sigma$  be a generator of the cyclic group  $\text{Gal}(E/F)$  of order  $q$ , and let  $J$  be the complex conjugation of  $E$ . Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be an ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_F$  such that  $[\mathfrak{A}]_F \in Cl_F^-(q)$  and  $\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{O}_E = \alpha\mathcal{O}_E$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_E$ . Here,  $[\mathfrak{A}]_F$  is the ideal class in  $Cl_F$  represented by  $\mathfrak{A}$ . As  $\mathfrak{A}$  is an ideal of  $F$ , we have  $\alpha^{\sigma-1} = \epsilon$  for some unit  $\epsilon \in \mathcal{O}_E^\times$ . As  $[\mathfrak{A}]_F \in Cl_F^-$ , we have  $\mathfrak{A}^{1+J} = \beta\mathcal{O}_F$  for some  $\beta \in F^\times$ . Hence, it follows that  $\alpha^{1+J} = \beta\eta$  for some  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_E^\times$ , and that

$$\epsilon^{1+J} = \alpha^{(1+J)(\sigma-1)} = \eta^{\sigma-1} \quad (4)$$

as  $\beta \in F^\times$ . Let  $\alpha_1 = \alpha^2/\eta$  and let

$$\epsilon_1 = \alpha_1^{\sigma-1} = \frac{\epsilon^2}{\eta^{\sigma-1}} \in \mathcal{O}_E^\times.$$

We see from (4) that

$$\epsilon_1^{1+J} = \epsilon^{2(1+J)} \eta^{(1-\sigma)(1+J)} = \eta^{(\sigma-1)(1-J)}.$$

As  $E$  is a CM-field, it follows that  $\epsilon_1 \in W_E$  from a theorem on units of a CM-field (cf. [12, Theorem 4.12]). On the other hand, we have

$$N(\epsilon_1) = N(\alpha_1^{\sigma-1}) = 1,$$

where  $N$  is the norm map from  $E$  to  $F$ . Under the assumption that  $W_F(q) = \{0\}$  or  $|W_E(q)/W_F(q)| > 1$ , we can show that the first cohomology group  $H^1(E/F, W_E)$  is trivial exactly similarly to the proof of [12, Lemma 13.27]. Therefore,  $\epsilon_1 = \zeta^{\sigma-1}$  for some  $\zeta \in W_E$ . It follows that  $(\alpha_1/\zeta)^\sigma = \alpha_1/\zeta$ , and  $\alpha_1/\zeta \in F^\times$ . This implies that the ideal  $\mathfrak{A}^2$  of  $\mathcal{O}_F$  is principal. As the order of the class  $[\mathfrak{A}]_F$  is odd, we obtain  $[\mathfrak{A}]_F = 1$ .  $\square$

The following lemma is well known.

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $E/F$  be a finite extension of a number field  $F$ , and let  $q$  be a prime number with  $q \nmid [E:F]$ . Then, the natural map  $Cl_F(q) \rightarrow Cl_E$  is injective.*

#### 4.2. Proof of Theorem 1

Let  $p$  be a prime number with  $p \geq 23$ , and let  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_p)$ . As  $h_p > 1$ , we see that  $K$  does not satisfy  $(H'_p)$  by Theorem 3 (or [3, Corollary 1]). Let  $F$  be an imaginary proper subfield of  $K$ . As the unique prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_F$  over  $p$  is principal, we have  $Cl_F = Cl'_F$  and  $h_F = h'_F$ . Let  $h_F^- = |Cl_F^-|$  be the relative class number of  $F$ . If  $h_F^-$  is not a power of 2, then it follows from Lemmas 2 and 3 that the natural map  $Cl_F^- \rightarrow Cl_K$  is not trivial. Hence, it follows from Lemma 1 that  $F$  does not satisfy  $(H'_p)$ .

Horie [1] proved that there are only finitely many pairs  $(p, F)$  for which  $h_F^-$  is a power of 2, and that the relative class number  $h_p^-$  of  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_p)$  is a power of 2 if and only if  $(p \leq 19 \text{ or } p = 29)$ . In [8, Theorem 7], Louboutin proved that for an imaginary proper subfield  $F$  of  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_p)$  with  $p \geq 23$ ,  $h_F^-$  is a power of 2 if and only if

$$(p, [F : \mathbf{Q}]) = (29, 4), (37, 4), (37, 12), (41, 8), (43, 2), (43, 6), (43, 14), \\ (53, 4), (61, 4), (61, 12), (67, 2), (67, 6), (163, 2) \text{ or } (163, 6).$$

By the numerical result [5, Proposition 4], the Conjecture in Section 1 is valid for  $p$  with  $23 \leq p \leq 499$ . Therefore, we see that among these 14 pairs,  $F$  does not satisfy  $(H'_p)$  except for the case where  $(p, [F : \mathbf{Q}]) = (43, 2), (67, 2)$  or  $(163, 2)$ . By [5, Remark 2], we already know that  $F$  satisfies  $(H'_p)$  when  $(p, [F : \mathbf{Q}]) = (43, 2)$  or  $(67, 2)$ .

From the above, it suffices to deal with the case where  $(p, [F : \mathbf{Q}]) = (163, 2)$ . Let  $p = 163$ ,  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_p)$ , and  $F = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-p})$ . Let  $G = \text{Gal}(K/\mathbf{Q}) = (\mathbf{Z}/p)^\times$  and  $H = \text{Gal}(K/F) \subseteq G$ . We prove that  $\mathcal{S}_H$  kills  $Cl_K$ . Let  $\theta_{r,H} = (\theta_r)_H \in \mathcal{S}_H$  be the  $H$ -part of the Stickelberger element  $\theta_r$  in the sense of (1). Letting  $J = \sigma_{-1}$  be the complex conjugation, we see that  $G = H \cdot \langle J \rangle$  and  $(1 - J)\mathbf{Z}[G] = (1 - J)\mathbf{Z}[H]$ . As is well known, the Stickelberger elements of  $\mathbf{Z}[G]$  live essentially in the odd part  $(1 - J)\mathbf{Z}[G]$ . This fact is expressed in the form

$$\theta_r = (1 - J)\theta_{r,H} + (r - \delta_r)JN_H$$

for each  $r \in \mathbf{Z}$ . Here,  $N_H$  is the norm element of  $\mathbf{Z}[H]$ , and  $\delta_r = 0$  or 1 according to whether  $p$  divides  $r$  or not. For this formula, see [4, Lemma 1]. By the classical Stickelberger theorem,  $\theta_r$  kills  $Cl_K$ . Further, the norm  $N_H$  kills  $Cl_K$  as  $h_F = 1$ . Hence, we see that  $(1 - J)\theta_{r,H}$  kills  $Cl_K$ . On the other hand, it is known that  $h_p^+ = 4$  under GRH by van der Linden [7] and  $h_p^- = 4 \cdot N$  for some odd integer  $N$ . Therefore, it follows that  $\theta_{r,H}$  kills the  $q$ -part  $Cl_K(q)$  for any odd prime number  $q$  (under GRH). Now, it suffices to show that  $\mathcal{S}_H$  kills the 2-part  $Cl_K(2)$ . Let  $E$

be the intermediate field of  $K/F$  with  $[E : F] = 3$ , and let  $\Delta = \text{Gal}(E/F)$ . We have  $h_{E^+} = 4$  by Uchida [11] and  $h_E^- = 4$  by [8, Table 1]. In particular, as  $[K : E]$  is odd, the natural map  $Cl_E \rightarrow Cl_K(2)$  is an isomorphism (under GRH). Let  $\varphi$  be the restriction map  $\mathbf{Z}[H] \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}[\Delta]$ , and put  $\bar{S}_H = \varphi(S_H)$  and  $\bar{\theta}_{r,H} = \varphi(\theta_{r,H})$ . From the above,  $S_H$  kills  $Cl_K(2)$  if and only if  $\bar{S}_H$  kills  $Cl_E$ . Using a group theoretical argument in Iwasawa [6], we can show that  $Cl_{E^+}$  and  $Cl_E^-$  are both isomorphic to  $(\mathbf{Z}/2)^{\oplus 2}$ , and that  $Cl_E$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbf{Z}/2)^{\oplus 4}$  or  $(\mathbf{Z}/4)^{\oplus 2}$ . Hiroki Sumida-Takahashi calculated that

$$Cl_E \cong (\mathbf{Z}/2)^{\oplus 4} \quad (5)$$

using KASH. As  $G = \langle \sigma_2 \rangle$  and  $H = \langle \sigma_4 \rangle$ , we see from (2) that  $S_{H,2}$  is generated by  $\theta_{2,H}$  and  $\theta_{4,H}$  over  $\mathbf{Z}_2[H]$ . Therefore, for showing  $Cl_K(2)^{S_H} = \{0\}$ , it suffices to show that the elements  $\bar{\theta}_{2,H}$  and  $\bar{\theta}_{4,H}$  kill  $Cl_E$ . Let  $\rho = \varphi(\sigma_4)$ . From the definition, we can easily calculate that

$$\bar{\theta}_{2,H} = 13 + 11\rho + 15\rho^2 \equiv 1 + \rho + \rho^2 (= N_{E/F}) \pmod{2}$$

and

$$\bar{\theta}_{4,H} = 42 + 34\rho + 44\rho^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}.$$

Therefore, by (5) and  $h_F = 1$ , we see that  $\bar{S}_H$  kills  $Cl_E$ . Now, from the above, we can conclude that  $F = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-p})$  satisfies  $(H'_p)$  for  $p = 163$  under GRH.

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